

REMARKS

By this Amendment the Specification has been amended to indicate the enumeration of the various steps that appeared in original Claim 11 and currently in new Claim 20. Claims 12-19 have been retained. The courtesy of interview extended by the Examiner in this case to the undersigned on March 30, 2004 is acknowledge with appreciation. It will be noted that the claims have been considered allowable over the prior art and the primary problem has been objection to the wording of the claims and, in particular, the enumerations such as the first step, second step, etc. seemed to the Examiner to be inconsistent with the disclosure otherwise. It was not clear to the undersigned whether or not he was successful in convincing the Examiner that the claims were, in fact, consistent with the Specification. However, irrespective, the Examiner pointed out other inconsistencies not previously raised in the record which are valid such as the use in Figures 1 and 2 of reference numerals 21 for a plurality of parallel oblique steps in contrast to the use of the reference numeral 21 in Figures 5 and 6 for lugs with trapezoidal cross-sections. In addition, Claim 11, line 3, we referred to "a longitudinal ridge" whereas in line 9 we refer to a "peripheral ridge."

The primary purpose of this Amendment is to simplify the Application while, at the same time, setting forth the enumeration of the various "steps" which were originally in the claims in the Specification for the purpose of clarification.

In further review of the Application, it appeared to the undersigned that the only figures really needed for an adequate disclosure of the invention as claimed are Figures 1 and 4. Accordingly, Figures 2, 3 and 5-8 are deleted and Figures 1 and 4, as previously corrected and further corrected herein, are retained as Figures 1 and 2. It will be appreciated that this cancellation of drawings is without prejudice and the possibility remains open that one or more

figures may be restored to the Application at a later date. This is not necessarily contemplated but may be subsequently considered desirable.

The invention in this case is directed to a simulation of four tiles which are, in reality, one tile that is used for roofing purposes. Tiles of this type may be deposited on roofs without or with minimal connecting means other than their weight and as is provided by various ridges, etc. in the tile structure. It is important that the tiles retain their relative positions and the instant invention is directed to that end as well as providing drainage for moisture which might enter otherwise where the tiles are connected, particularly at the longitudinal edges, in a manner that avoids dampness and the collection of moisture at locations under the tiles and where they are joined together.

As indicated above, in attempting to both simplify the Applicant and at the same time conform the language in the Specification to that in the claims, the various "steps" which are structurally part of the tiles' construction have been specifically spelled out in the Specification. Clearly, it is submitted, no new matter has been added.


This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and, accordingly, it is understood and requested that all prior Responses and Amendments will be entered and be part of the official record.

The Patent Examiner in providing further examination for this Application is strongly urged to call the undersigned if there are any specific problems encountered in the further examination, particularly those which can be corrected by telephone interviews. It is of considerable importance to the Applicant that he receive a United States patent for his invention. It is novel and constitutes an important improvement and advance in the art. Accordingly, it is

submitted that an allowance of claims as submitted is in order, and action which will lead to this end and passage of the Application to issue is most respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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